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“The Reckoning”

A Tale Of Dark Destiny Told in Three Parts.

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Chapter 2: “Decent Into Hell”

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Dedication

To my Sissy, Sue - my Inspiration.

and

To my Bro, JR - my Champion.

...Brian Pulido

To Amber and Samantha who keep me on track
with my continuity and catch my little mistakes,
and who are among my harshest critics. This is for
you, snoukums.

...Steven Hughes

To Mom for the Love & Support

and

To Dad For The Gift.

...Jason Jensen

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*TO KNOW HER STORY IS TO
KNOW A WOMAN CURSED.*

*BUT TO WATCH HER, ONE
WOULD NEVER KNOW...*

STEAMY.

REMOTE.

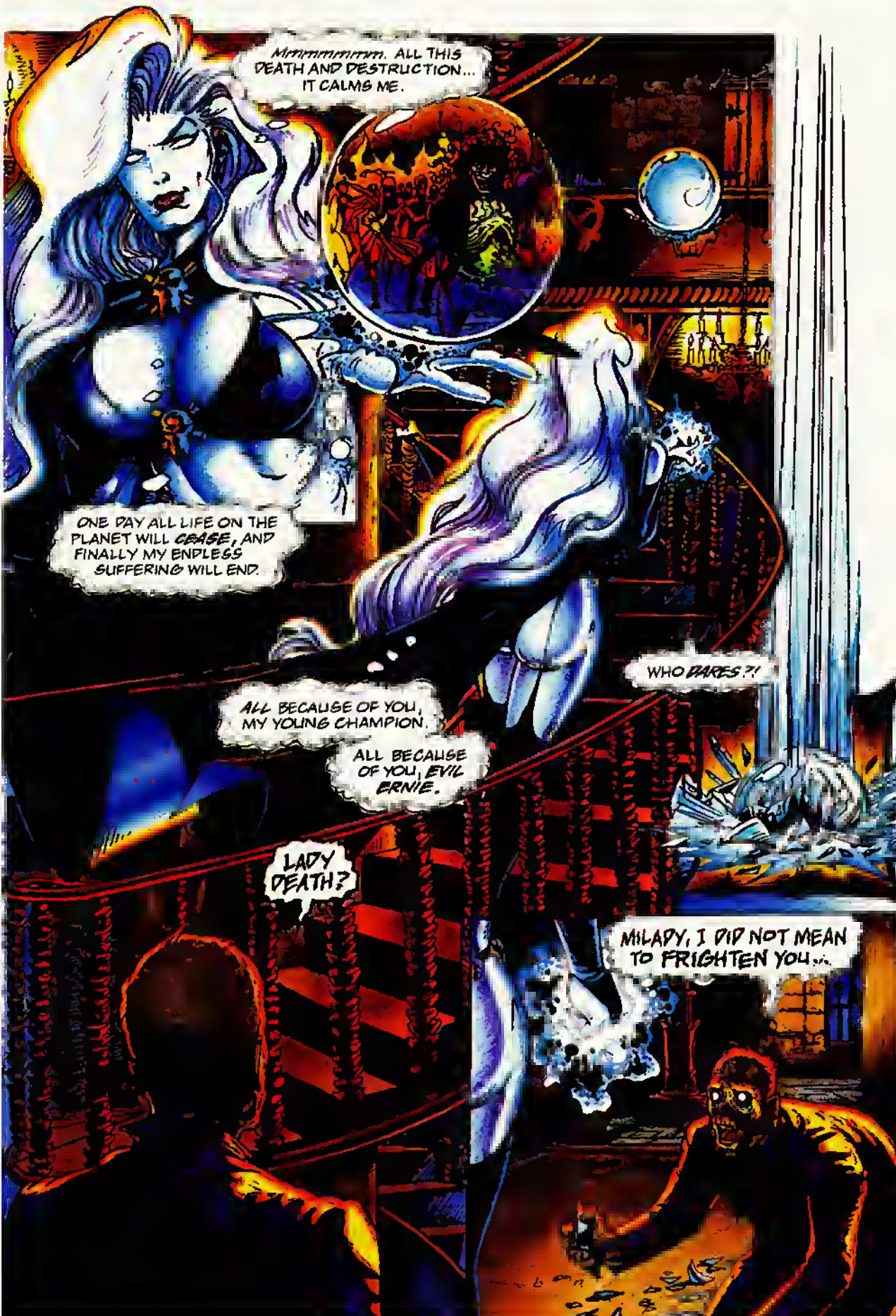
ELEGANT.

*NO ONE CAN KNOW
THE GLORY I FEEL AS
EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF THEM
DIE!*

*SUCH
SWEET
REVENGE.*

*I'VE WAITED AN
ETERNITY FOR THIS
TIME TO COME.*

*SHE'S THE QUEEN OF ALL THAT IS
DEAD AND DYING, THE INCOM-
PARABLE, UNFORGETTABLE
LADY DEATH.*



Mmmmmmmmm. ALL THIS
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION...
IT CALMS ME.

ONE DAY ALL LIFE ON THE
PLANET WILL **CEASE**, AND
FINALLY MY ENDLESS
SUFFERING WILL END.

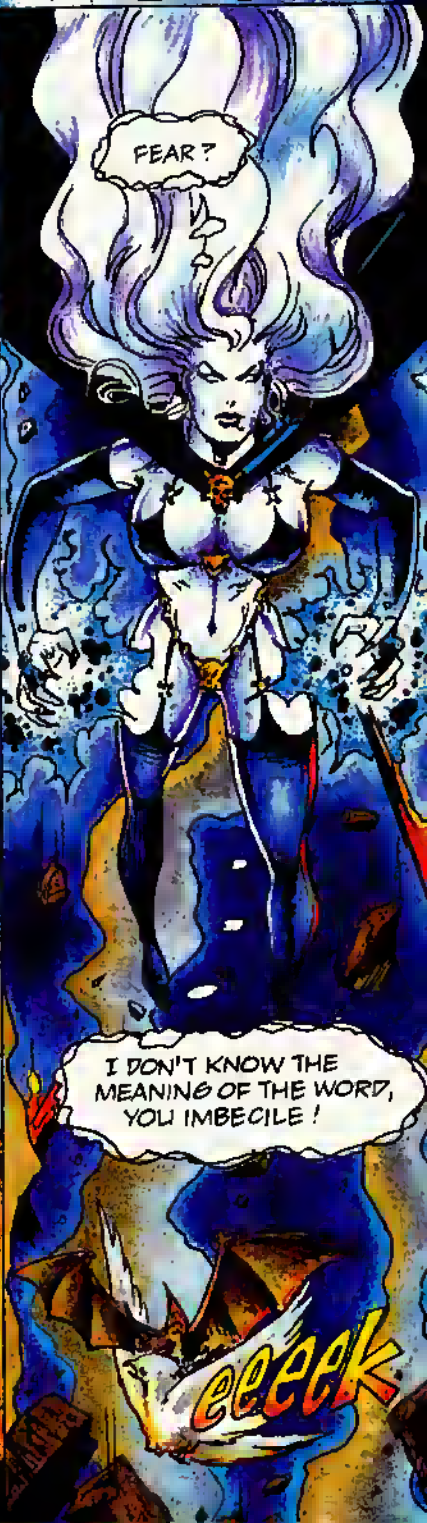
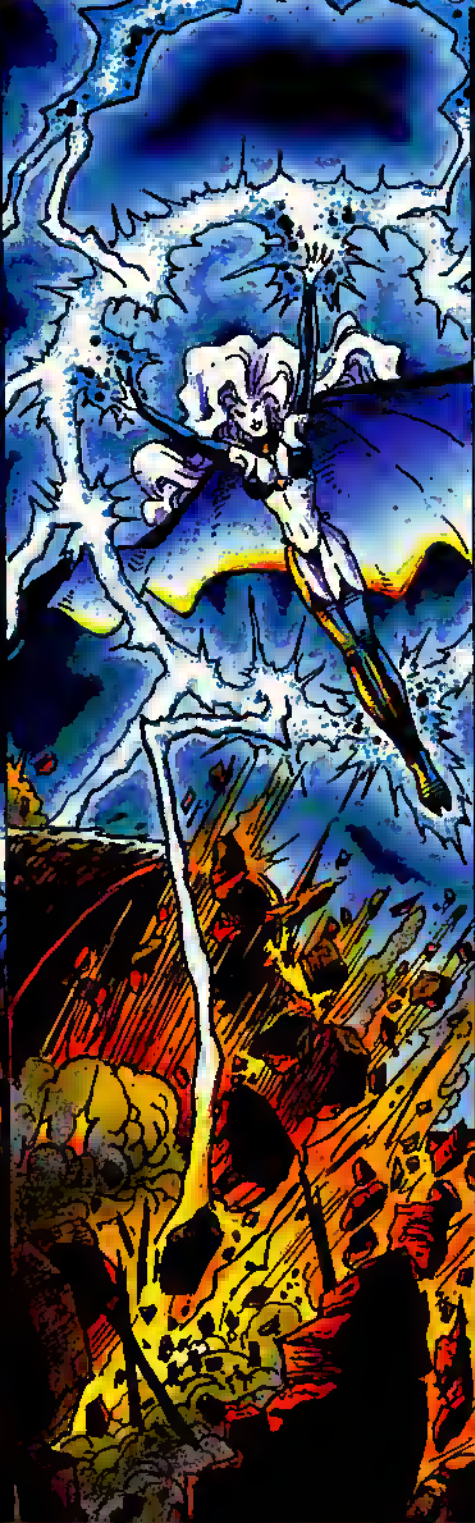
ALL BECAUSE OF YOU,
MY YOUNG CHAMPION.

ALL BECAUSE
OF YOU, EVIL
ERIE.

WHO DARES?!

LADY
DEATH?

MILADY, I DID NOT MEAN
TO FRIGHTEN YOU...





THEN AGAIN... THERE WAS A TIME I DID.

I WAS A YOUNG GIRL THEN. HOW LONG AGO, IT SEEMS.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY, YOU DIED MOTHER. YOU WERE THE LUCKY ONE. I ENVY YOU.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NEAR HIM. THANK GOD HE IS AWAY ON ONE OF HIS BLOODY CAMPAIGNS.

LORD KNOWS WHAT HE'D DO IF HE FOUND ME HERE.

OH NO.



HOPE, YOU DISOBEIENT BITCH! I'VE ORDERED YOU NOT TO COME HERE, GIRL!

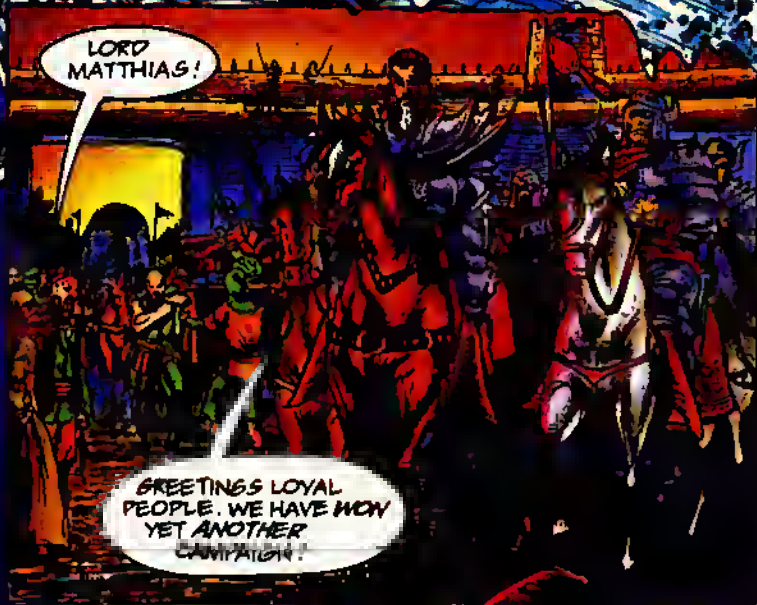
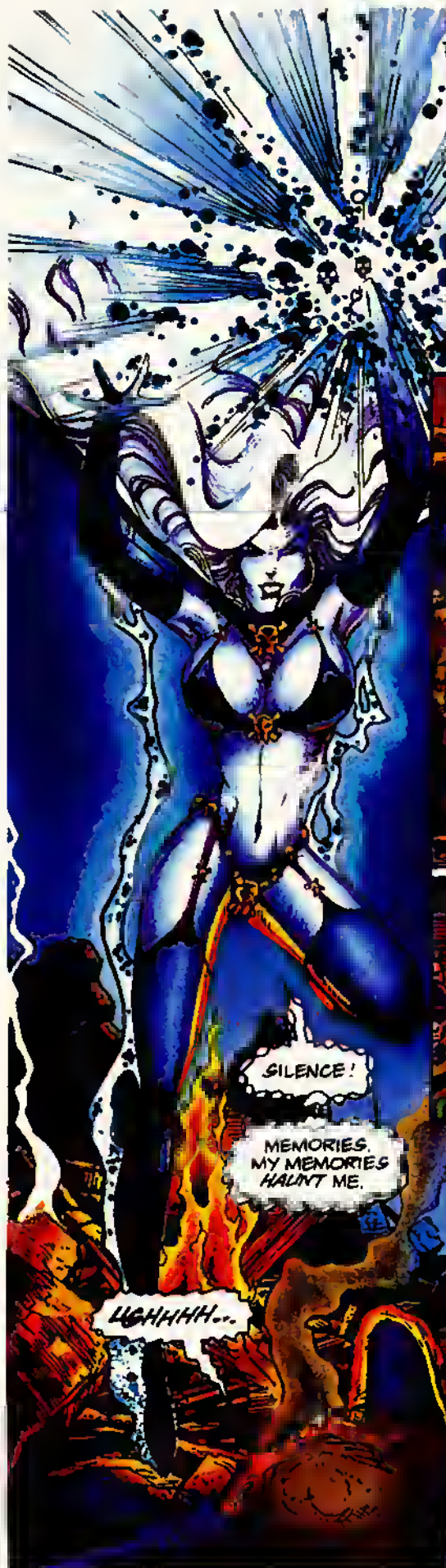
YOU'VE TRIED MY PATIENCE ONE TIME TOO MANY!

MATTHIAS... FATHER. PLEASE, I MEAN NO HARM. I ONLY WANTED TO BE WITH HER.

SHE IS DEAD, GIRL, AND YOU WILL JOIN HER IF YOU CONTINUE TO DISOBEY ME.

FORGIVE ME, LORD, BUT I WISH THIS MAN, MY FATHER WAS DEAD.





LORD MATTHIAS!

GREETINGS LOYAL
PEOPLE. WE HAVE NOW
YET ANOTHER
CAMPAIGN!



MY SON! MY SON!
WHERE IS HE,
LORD MATTHIAS?

I REGRET TO SAY,
YOUR SONS DIED IN
BATTLE. BUT DO NOT
WORRY, THEY WILL BE
HAILED AS NOBLEMEN.



IT IS ALWAYS
THIS WAY! WHEN
WILL IT END?

WHEN THERE ARE NO
MORE MEN LEFT TO WAGE
MATTHIAS' INFERNAL WAR!

SILENCE!

MEMORIES.
MY MEMORIES
HAUNT ME.

UGHHHH...



LATER THAT
NIGHT.



HA
HA HA



HA HA HA HA HA HA



I CONJURE THEE HERE,
BEFORE ME, IN VISIBLE
SHADOW! I CALL TO THEE!
ILLUMINATORS OF DARKNESS,
DESTRUCTORS OF LIGHT, I
CALL TO THEE! BY THE
NAME WHICH I WAS GIVEN,
I ASK THY GATE TO
OPEN! OPEN TO ME!



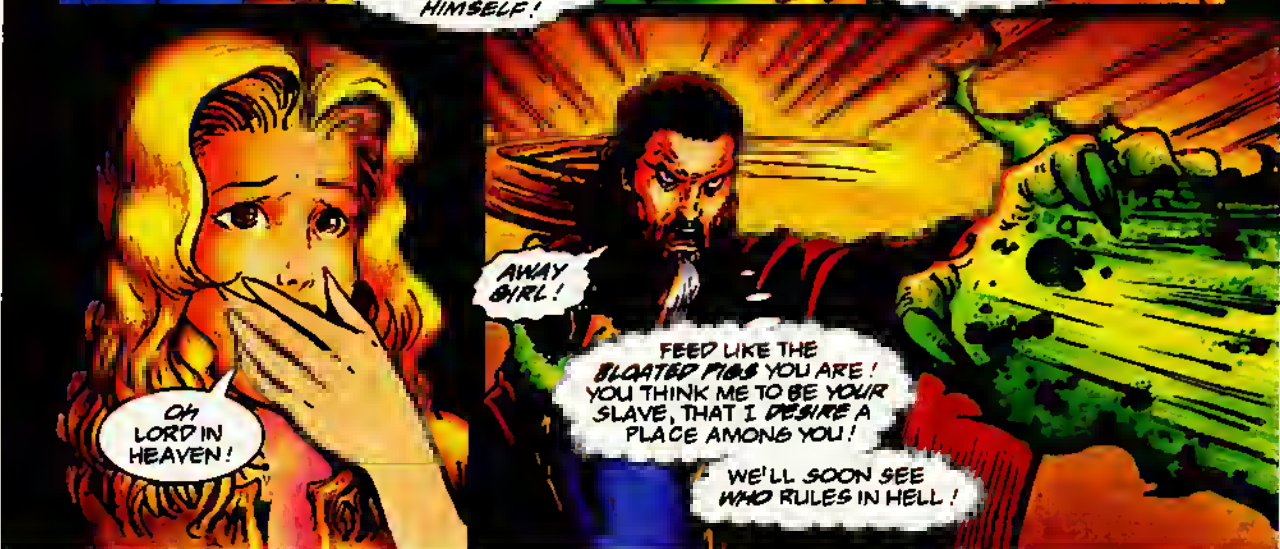
YES! FEED ON THE SOULS
OF MY FALLEN SOLDIERS,
LORDS OF THE DARK WAYS!
FEED WELL!



YOU ARE TRUE TO
YOUR WORDSSSS,
MATTHIAS.

WITH THESE
SOULS, WE SHALL
BUILD AN ARMY TO
VANQUISH LUCIFER
HIMSELF!

YOUR LOYALTY
WILL SECURE YOU
A PLACE AMONG
THE PRINCES
OF HELL!



OH
LORD IN
HEAVEN!

AWAY
GIRL!

FEED LIKE THE
BLOATED PIGS YOU ARE!
YOU THINK ME TO BE YOUR
SLAVE, THAT I DESIRE A
PLACE AMONG YOU!

WE'LL SOON SEE
WHO RULES IN HELL!



WAS LAST NIGHT
REAL? WAS MY FATHER
TRULY CONJURING
DEMONS?

NONSENSE.
IT *MUST* HAVE
BEEN A
NIGHTMARE!

I BELIEVED MY
FATHER'S MAD PARADE
WAS A NIGHTMARE, YET
I NEVER FORGOT HIS
WORDS AS HE CON-
JURED HIS DEMON
PARTNERS.


THOSE FEW WORDS,
AND MY MEMORY OF
THEM, WOULD LATER
LAY THE GROUNDWORK
FOR MY UNDOING.

WHEN DO YOU GO BACK TO
THE UNIVERSITY, NICCOLO?

I DON'T. MY
FATHER DOESN'T
BELIEVE IN
LEARNING. HE
THINKS I AM
ASKING FOR
TROUBLE.

I BELIEVE
HE'S RIGHT.

HOW
SO?



I'LL GIVE YOU
AN EXAMPLE.

THE BLACK PLAGUE
IS ALL AROUND US.
THANKFULLY IT HAS
NEVER COME TO
OUR TOWN.

PRIESTS AND DOCTORS
"CURE" PLAGUE BY BLEED-
ING THE PATIENT, BUT IT'S
A USELESS
PRACTICE.

BUT
BLEEDING
IS THE
CHRISTIAN
WAY TO
HEALING.

EXACTLY!
EVERYTHING
ELSE IS
ABSOLUTE
HERESY!


ACCORDING TO RECENT
ARAB TEXT, YOU MUST
LANCE THE SWELLINGS
AND ALLOW THE INFEC-
TION TO BREATHE.

DO YOU SEE ?! THIS
IS NOT A TIME FOR
THINGS THAT ARE
NEW. TRUST ME,
HOPE.

BUT ENOUGH OF
THAT. WE DIDN'T
COME HERE TO LEARN
MEDICINE, MY LOVE


OUR TIME TOGETHER,
NICOLA AND I,
WAS BRIEF.

MONTHS LATER.




PREPARE! WE
ARE OFF TO WAR!
BATHER THE
MENFOLKS!


BUT SIR,
PLEASE! HE
IS MY ONLY
SON!




WE ALL MUST
MAKE **SACRIFICES**
TO THE REALM.



COME BOY! WE
HAVE **MEN'S** WORK
TO DO!



FATHER,
NO!



DON'T YOU
EVER CROSS ME
IN FRONT OF THE
PEASANTS! DON'T
YOU EVER!



WE GO!

'BOLT
HAD IT WITH
MATTHIAS!

HE'S A LOU!
'IS DAUGHTER
AIN'T NO
BETTER.

... NICCOLO...

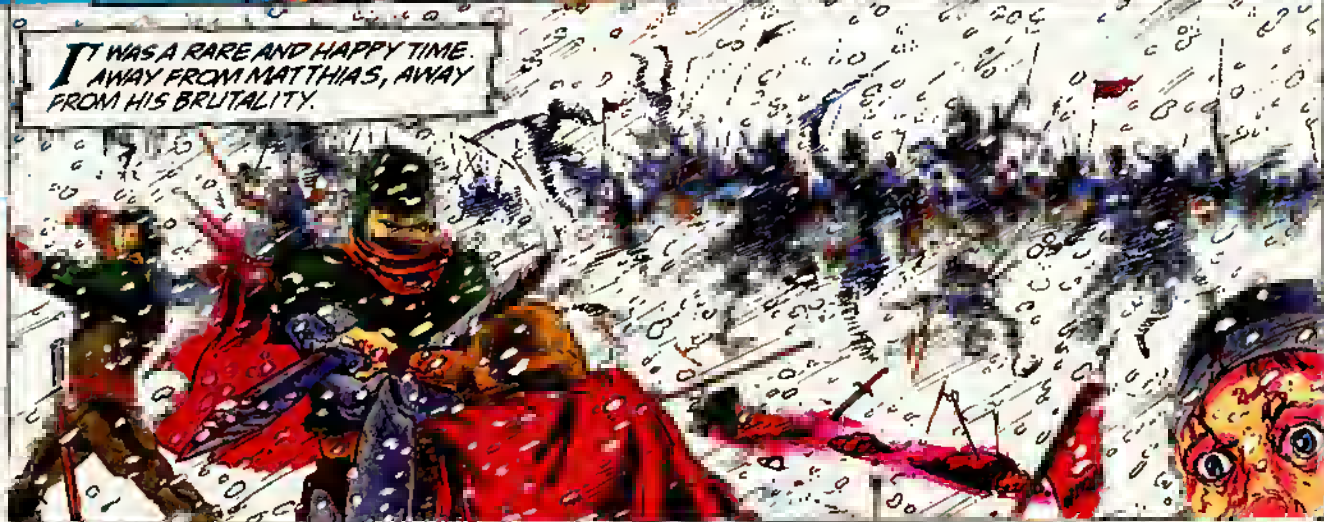


I SHOULD
HAVE THOUGHT
ABOUT MY FATHER'S
ACTIONS! I SHOULD
HAVE REMEMBERED
THE NIGHTMARE!

I WAS NAIVE.
I DID NOT KNOW
MATTHIAS' TRUE
INTENT--
SACRIFICING THE
TOWNSMEN.

MY ONLY FRIEND DURING THAT COLD
WINTER WAS AGNES, A MAID AT
THE CASTLE. THE OTHER TOWNSPEOPLE
REFUSED TO ASSOCIATE WITH ME.

IT WAS A RARE AND HAPPY TIME.
AWAY FROM MATTHIAS, AWAY
FROM HIS BRUTALITY.



THE POWER,
THE GLORY, YES!
THE EBB AND FLOW
OF THE FALLEN
LIFE! IT'S
GLORIOUS!

EEEE

UIGH



THE POWER,
THE GLORY, YES!
THE EBB AND FLOW
OF THE FALLEN
LIFE! IT'S
GLORIOUS!

DO YOU HEAR
ME, PRINCES OF
DARKNESS?!
DO YOU?!

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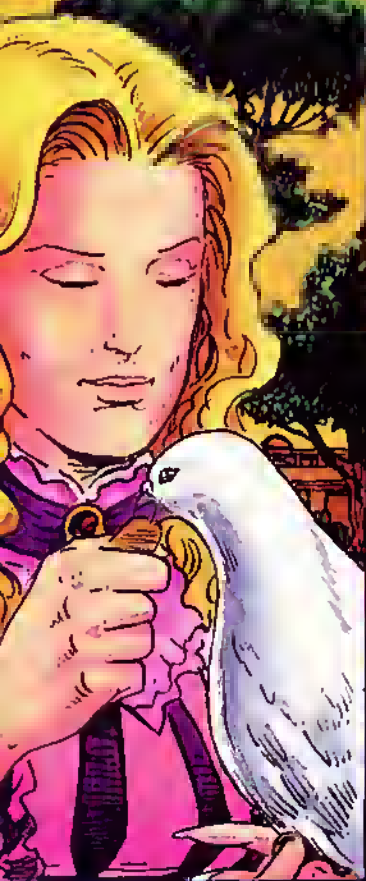
UGH





DO YOU HEAR
ME, PRINCES OF
DARKNESS?!
DO YOU?!

WINTER GIVES WAY TO SPRING.



MATTHIAS?
NICCOLO?



WHERE IS
MY BOY?

BE CALM,
GOOD
PEOPLE.

I DON'T
SEE HIM.



WHERE
ARE OUR
SONS,
MATTHIAS?

WHERE
IS MY
BOY?



YOUR SONS ARE
GONE. BUT THEY
GAVE THEIR LIVES
SO YOU MAY HAVE
THESE RICHES!



WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS NICCOLO?!

HE TRIES TO BUY US-- THE BASTARD!

IF I COULD, I WOULD STAB HIM, BUT HIS SOLDIERS...

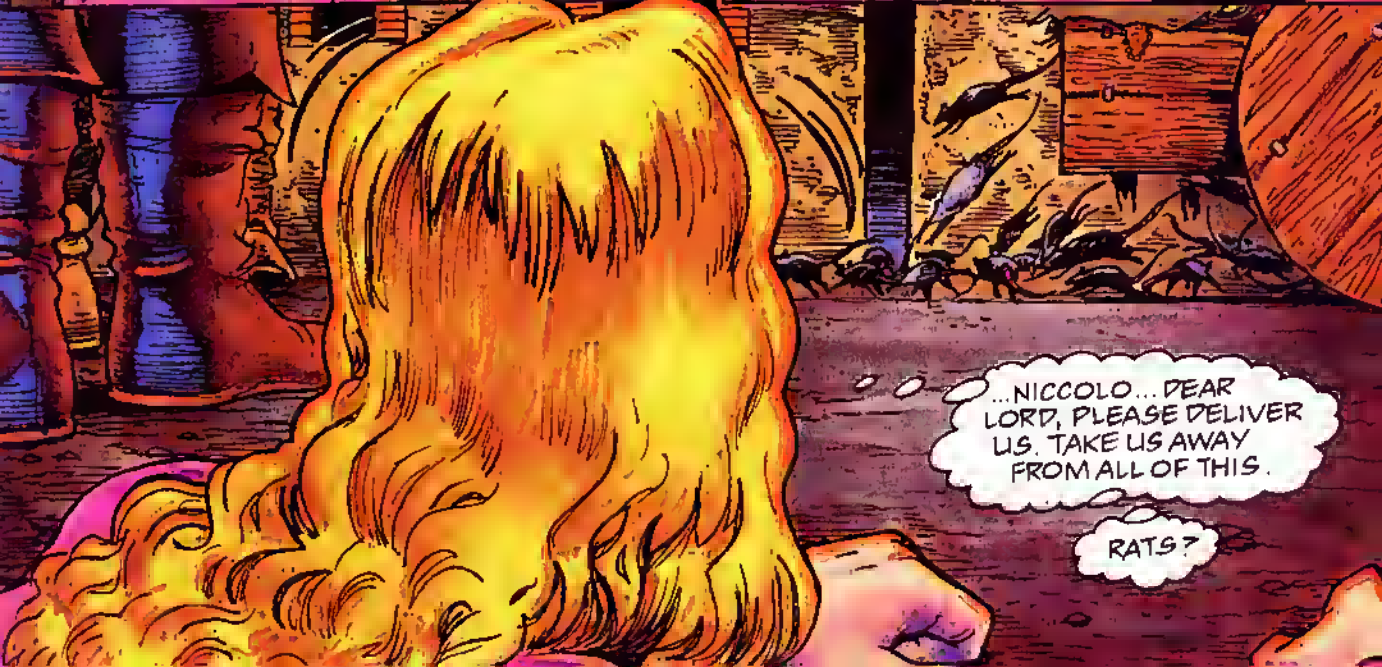
SOON, I THINK, MATTHIAS MUST ANSWER FOR HIS DEEDS.



NICCOLO?




HE WAS USELESS TO US AND THE FIRST TO DIE!




...NICCOLO... DEAR LORD, PLEASE DELIVER US. TAKE US AWAY FROM ALL OF THIS.

RATS?



THE RATS WERE A SIGN.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN,
BUT MY MIND WAS CLOUDED.

CLOUDED BY
DARKNESS.

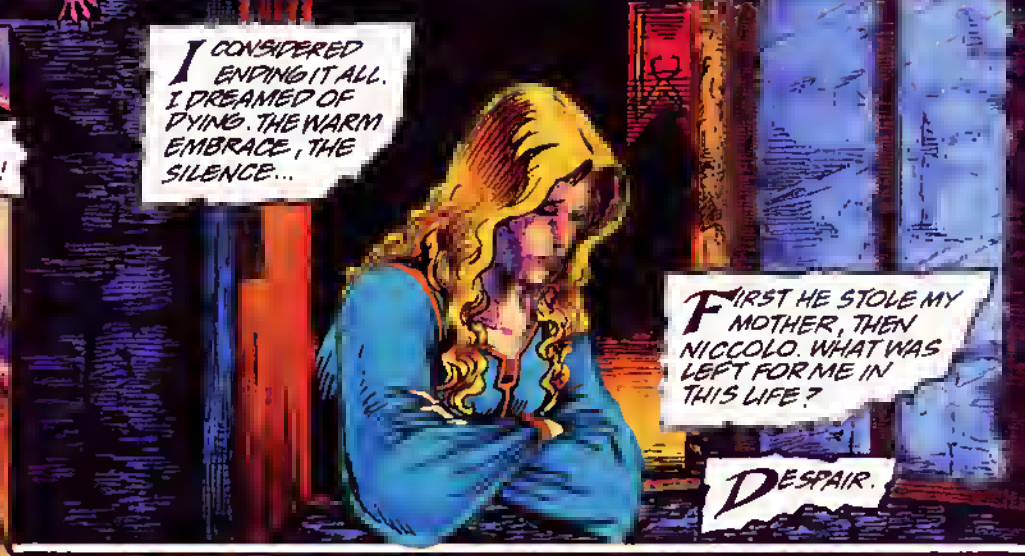


NOW, NOW.
WHAT DO WE
HAVE HERE?
WHO'S LEAVING
RUBBISH IN FRONT
OF OLD AGNES'S
DOOR?



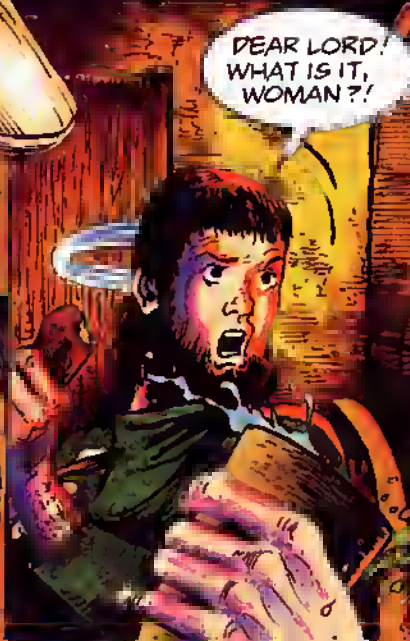
EEE-OOEWW!
UNHOLY CREATURE!

I CONSIDERED
ENDING IT ALL.
I DREAMED OF
DYING. THE WARM
EMBRACE, THE
SILENCE...



FIRST HE STOLE MY
MOTHER, THEN
NICCOLO. WHAT WAS
LEFT FOR ME IN
THIS LIFE?

DESPAIR.



DEAR LORD!
WHAT IS IT,
WOMAN?!

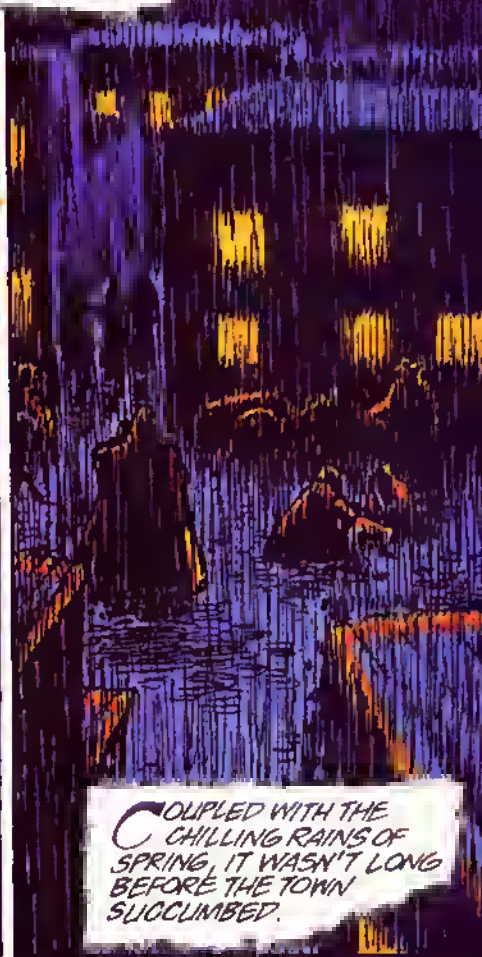
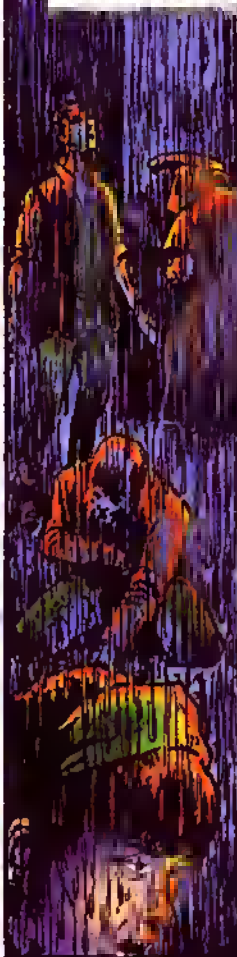


LUCK!

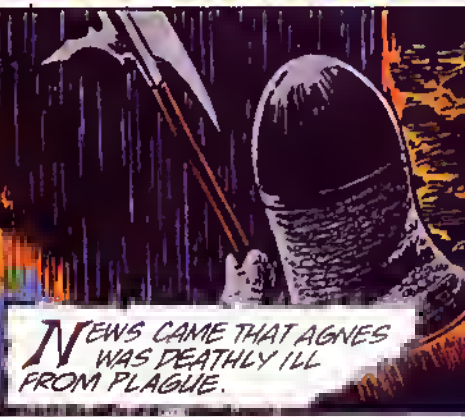
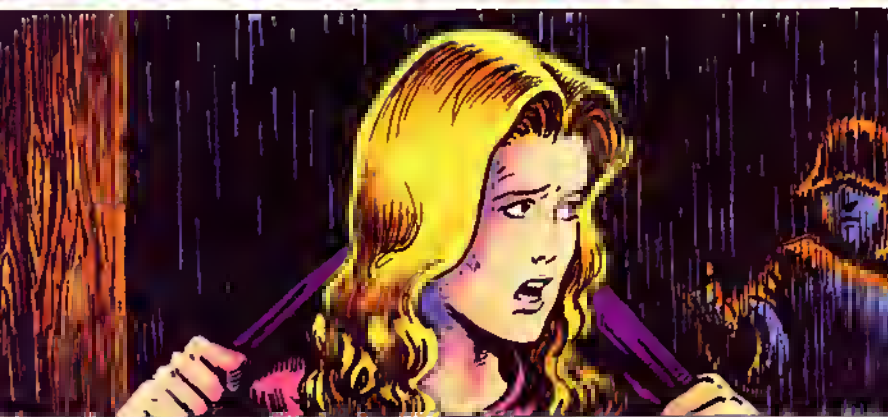


THEY DIDN'T KNOW, I DIDN'T KNOW, THE PLAGUE WAS SPREAD BY FLEAS INFESTING THE RATS.

MATTHIAS HAD BROUGHT THE DARKEST GIFT.



COUPLED WITH THE CHILLING RAINS OF SPRING, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE TOWN SUCCUMBED.



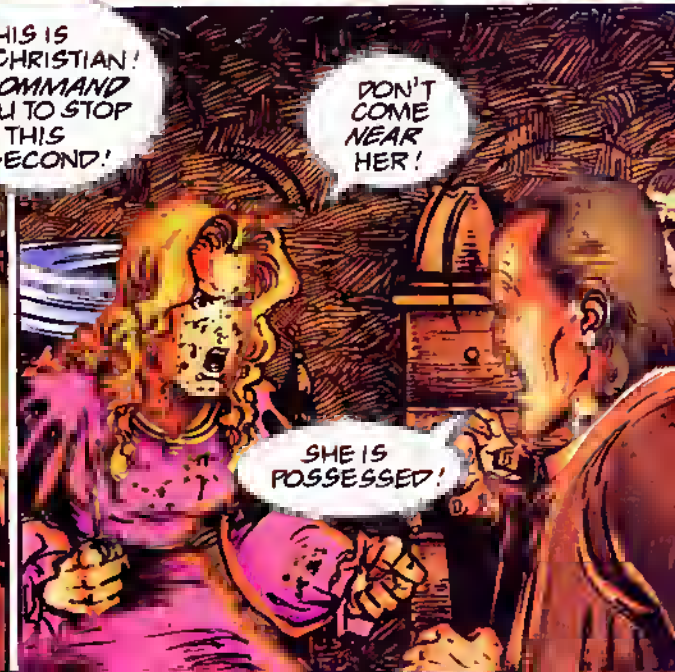
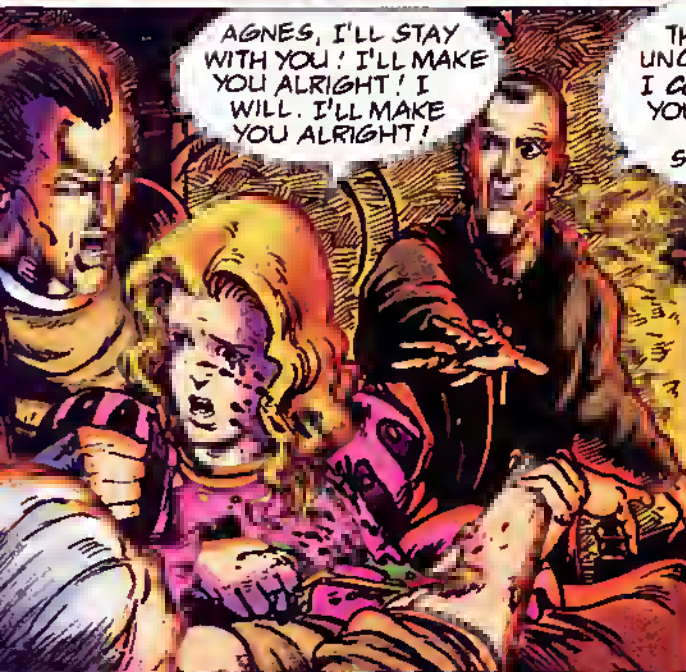
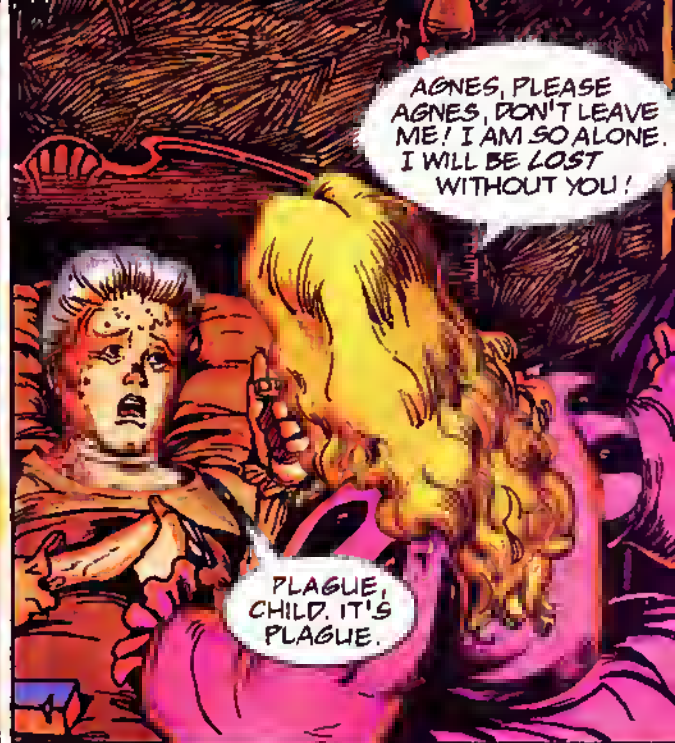
NEWS CAME THAT AGNES WAS DEATHLY ILL FROM PLAGUE.



THERE IS LITTLE MORE WE CAN DO, FATHER HERMAN.

DEAR SISTER AGNES. SHE IS LOST TO US.

SHE IS IN GOD'S HANDS NOW, FATHER ORBEC.







OFF WITH HIS HEAD, I SAY.

WE MUST STOP THIS TRAVESTY AT ONCE! WE ARE ALL DYING! SOON IT WILL BE TOO LATE!

HERE, HERE!

THE WITCH AND HER FATHER MUST DIE!

THIS IS GOD'S WILL!

YOU SIR ARE MATTHIAS'S CHEF. SEE THAT THIS IS PUT INTO TONIGHT'S MEAL.

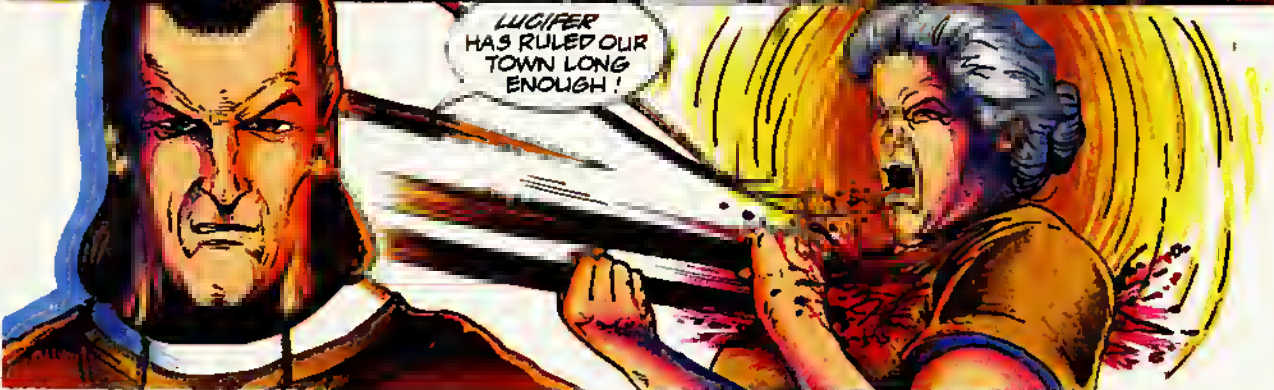
LATER THAT NIGHT...

I AM NOT HUNGRY! GET THIS SLOP AWAY!

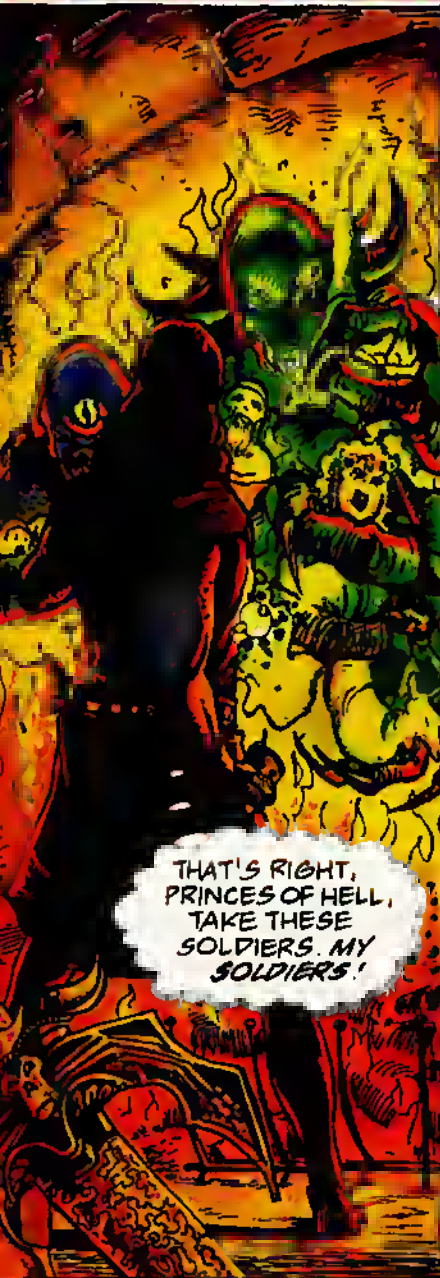
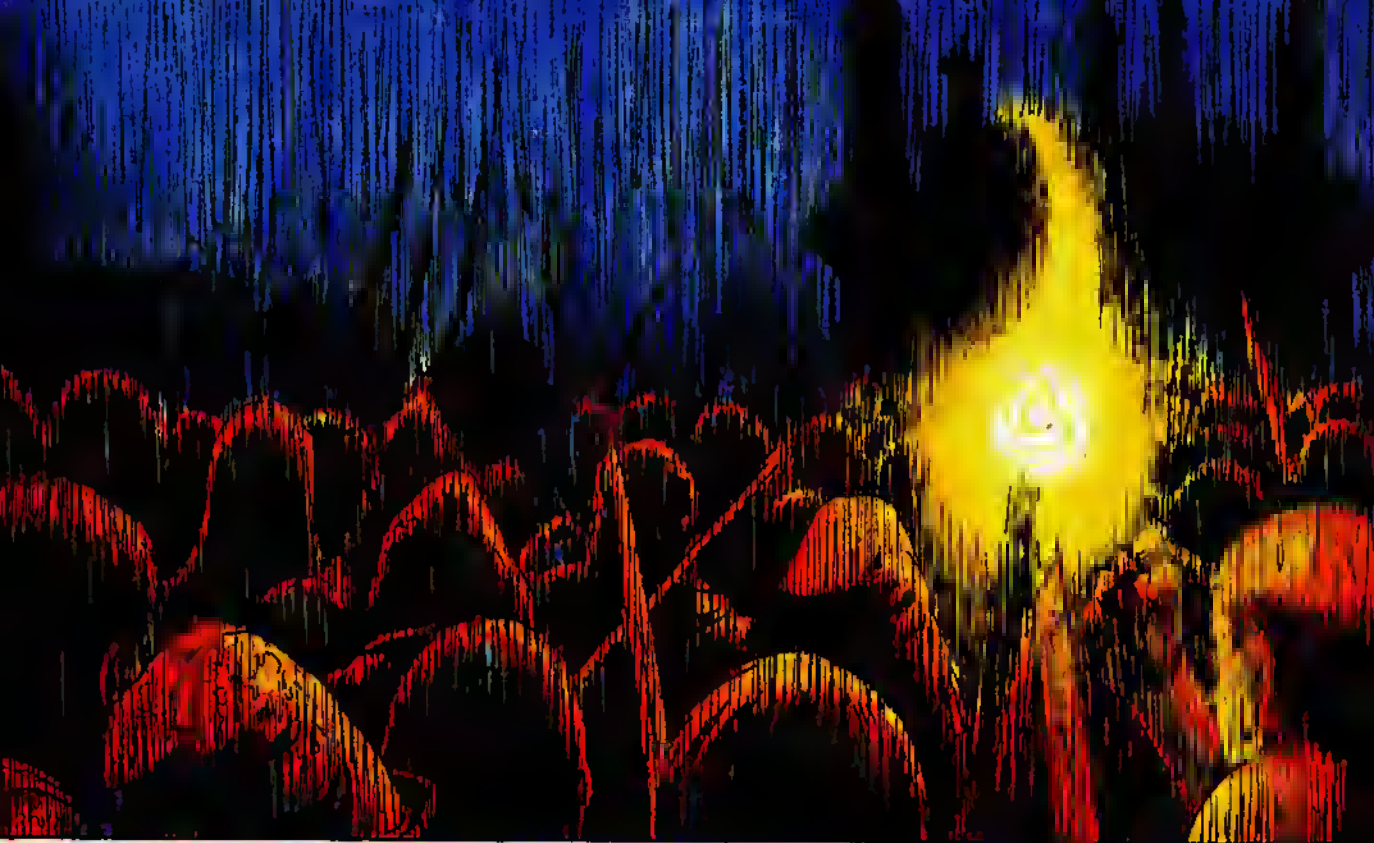


FATHER ORBEC, WHAT IS WRONG?

I AM SORRY, AGNES.



LUCIFER HAS RULED OUR TOWN LONG ENOUGH!



THAT'S RIGHT,
PRINCES OF HELL,
TAKE THESE
SOLDIERS. MY
SOLDIERS!



MATTHIAS!
YOUR TIME
HAS COME!

I WILL CONTROL
THE POWER! I WILL
USE IT TO CONQUER
LUCIFER!

I WILL
BE THE LORD
OF HELL!

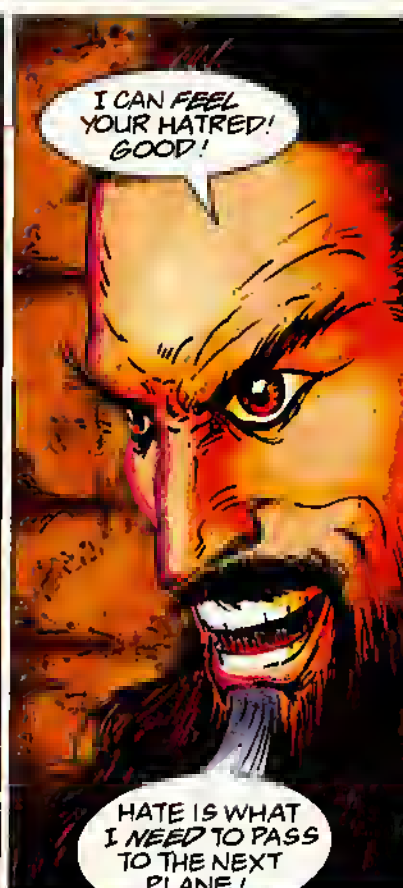


WHERE IS HE?!



HE'S IN HERE!

LOOK! DEMONS!



I CAN FEEL YOUR HATRED! GOOD!


HATE IS WHAT I NEED TO PASS TO THE NEXT PLANE!



QUICKLY! BEFORE HE WILL THE DEMONS TO KILL US!



BAH! I DON'T NEED DEMONS TO DO MY WORK!



IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE
THEY FOUND ME
CRINGING IN A CORNER

FEAR. HOW
PATHETIC.

FOR SINS OF YOUR
FATHER AND SINS OF
YOUR OWN, YOU
WILL DIE
TONIGHT!

**BURN
THE
WITCH!**

BURN!

BURN!


MY MUNDANE
LIFE AS A **HELP-
LESS** LITTLE
GIRL WAS
ABOUT OVER.

LITTLE DID I
KNOW THAT **DEATH**
WOULD BE THE **LEAST**
OF MY PROBLEMS
TO COME...

NEXT ISSUE:
DESCENT INTO HELL!


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HOW COULD
I *SAVE*
MYSELF?

THE SINGLE IMAGE
THAT CAME TO ME WAS
FRIGHTENING BEYOND
BELIEF.



DEAR LORD
WHAT DO I DO?
I AM *SURE*
TO DIE.

BURN
WITCH
BURN!



WAS THE INCANTATION A DREAM?
OR WAS IT REAL?

I CONJURE THEE HERE,
IN VISIBLE SHADOW! I CALL
TO THEE, ILLUMINATORS OF
DARKNESS, DESTROYERS OF
LIGHT, I CALL TO THEE! BY THE
NAME WHICH I WAS GIVEN, I
ASK THY GATE TO OPEN!
OPEN TO ME!

BURN!

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DEAR LORD, I
TRIED TO HELP THESE
PEOPLE! I NEVER
HARMED ANYONE!

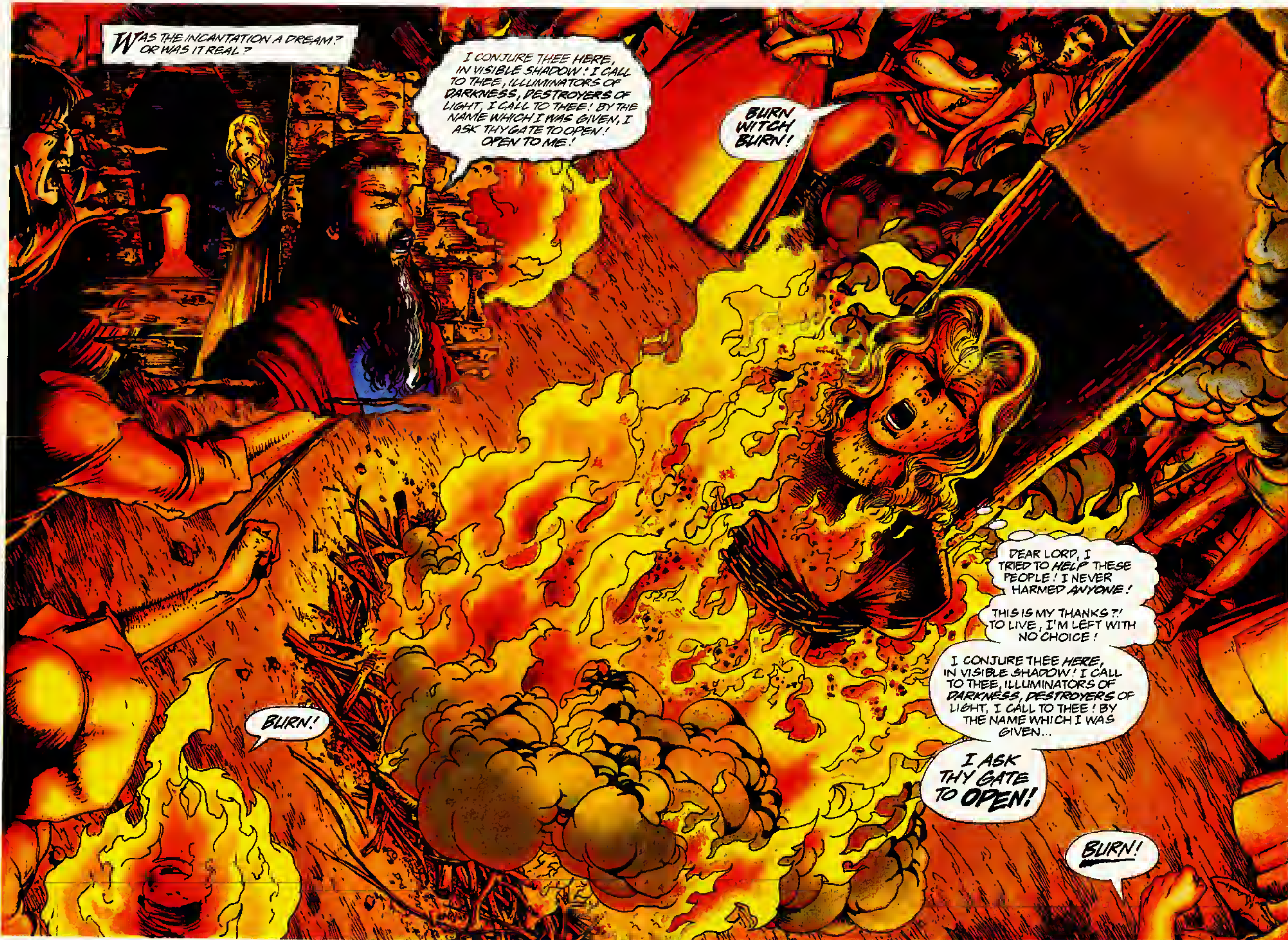
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TO LIVE, I'M LEFT WITH
NO CHOICE!

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THE NAME WHICH I WAS
GIVEN...

I ASK
THY GATE
TO OPEN!

BURN!

BURN!





**BURN
WITCH
BURN!**

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THE NAME WHICH I WAS
GIVEN...

I ASK
THY GATE
TO **OPEN!**

BURN!



OPEN
TO
ME!

YOU WISH TO
ENTER OUR DARK
DOMAIN?!

YES!

SHE IS SO
YOUNG AND
INNOCENT.

YOU MUST RENOUNCE YOUR HUMANITY!
YOU MUST PLEDGE YOUR SOUL TO HELL! IF
YOU DO THIS, WE WILL TAKE YOU AWAY!

I WILL! I
RENOUNCE MY
HUMANITY!

VERY WELL,
CHILD.

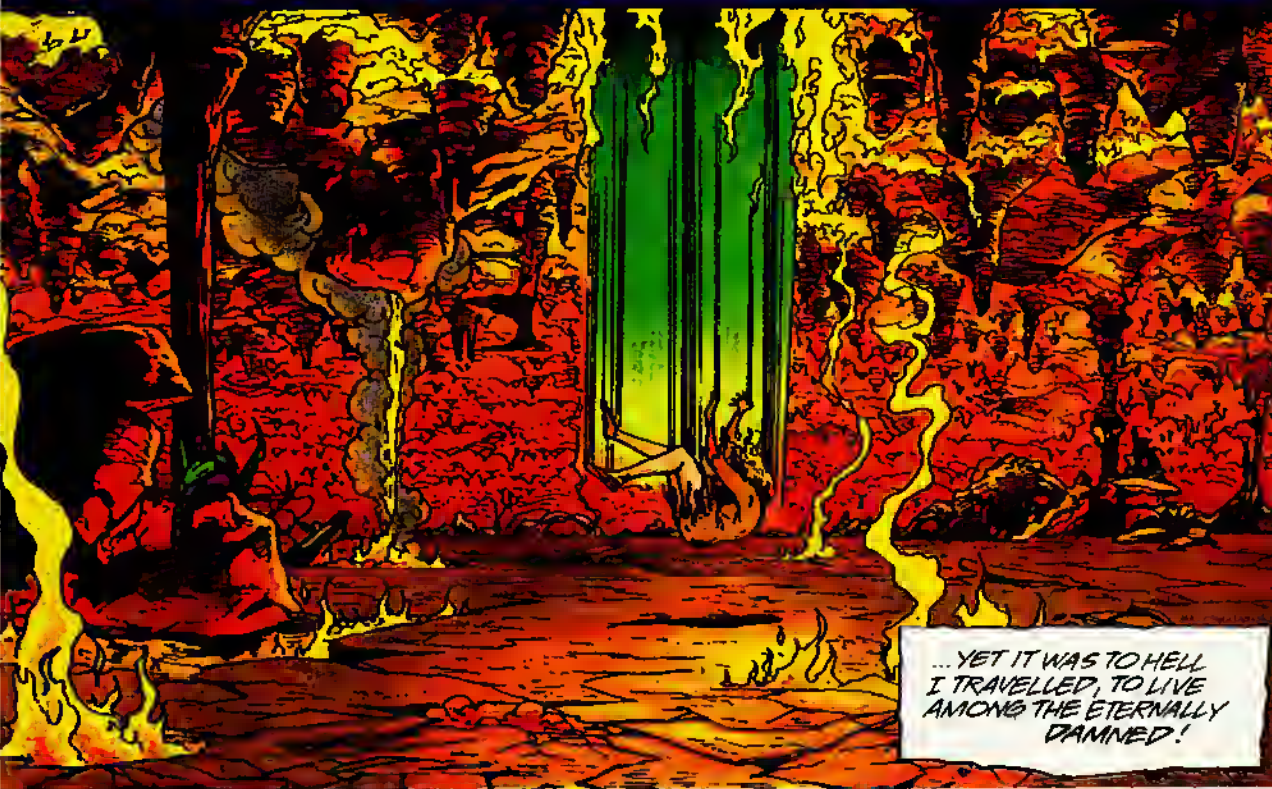
IN THE NAME
OF THE FATHER,
AND SON, THE
HOLY GHOST...



IT SEEMED A SIMPLE BARGAIN.
SURELY IT WAS MY ONLY ESCAPE.

I CRAVED LIFE,
THAT WAS
MY SIN.

BUT IN THE LIFE I LED, I KNEW ONLY
PAIN AND SUFFERING. I BELIEVED
I WAS BEING DELIVERED...



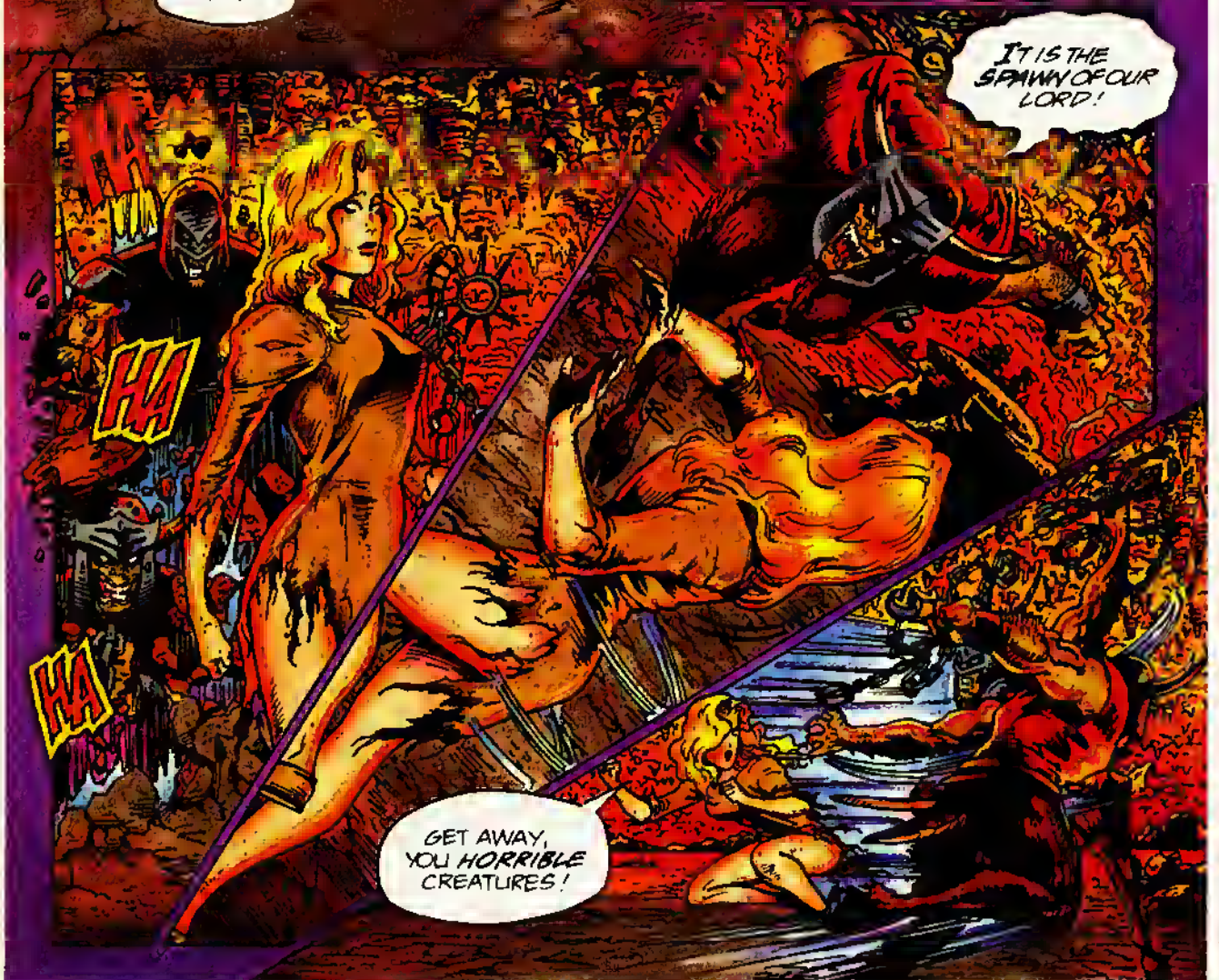
...YET IT WAS TO HELL
I TRAVELLED, TO LIVE
AMONG THE ETERNALLY
DAMNED!



WHERE AM I?



WHERE CAN I POSSIBLY BE?!



IT IS THE SPAWN OF OUR LORD!

GET AWAY, YOU HORRIBLE CREATURES!



SILENCE!



GREETINGS, MY
LOVE. SO GLAD YOU
COULD JOIN US!
OUR LORD IS
EXPECTING
YOU.

OH NO!
NICCOLO,
NO!



NOW GET IN
LINE WITH THE
REST OF THE
SLAVES!

YOU DO
NOT LISTEN?!

THEN YOU
WILL LEARN!



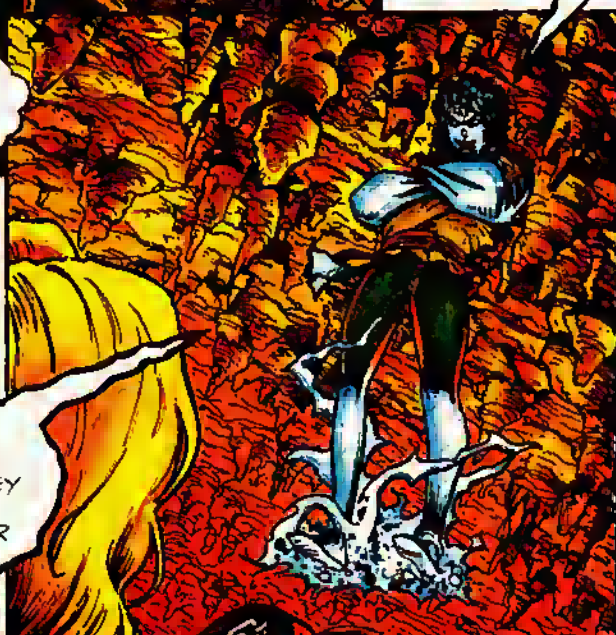
AAATIEEEE!



YOU REMEMBER OUR **GLAD** TIMES TOGETHER, HOPE? YOU REMEMBER OUR CARELESS DAYS BY THE POND? HOW SWEET IT ALL **SEEMED** BACK THEN. IT WAS ALL A LIE!

MATTHIAS SHOWED ME THE TRUE PATH. I WAS THE FIRST TO DIE IN HIS **LAST** CRUSADE.

NO! IT CAN'T BE! IT IS MY HOME -- MY FATHER'S CASTLE!



HE SACRIFICED HIS SOLDIERS TO THE PRINCES OF HELL. THEY **WERE** PLANNING TO OVERTHROW **LUCIFER** HIMSELF.

YET UPON HIS ARRIVAL, **MATTHIAS** STOLE **THEIR** POWER!

EVEN NOW, HE GATHERS A GREAT AND FINAL ARMY.



WE SHALL SOON SEE **WHO** RULES HELL!



FATHER!




I AM MORE THAN YOUR FATHER NOW. THE PRINCES OF DARKNESS LACKED THE TYRANNY, THE VISION! I HAVE ABSORBED THEIR ESSENCES!



I WILL COMMAND THE POWER OF LUCIFER! LOOK AROUND YOU AS MY ARMY GROWS!



NOW BOW BEFORE ME!



SWEETHEART,
LET ME HELP
YOU.

MOTHER?

DID I EVER
TELL YOU THE DAY
YOU WERE BORN, I
CRIED, NOT OUT OF
JOY, OUT OF HATRED!
YOU STOLE MY FREEDOM!
YOU WERE A MISTAKE,
HOPE, I NEVER, EVER
WANTED YOU!

NO! YOU LIE,
DEMON! MY MOTHER
LOVED ME!

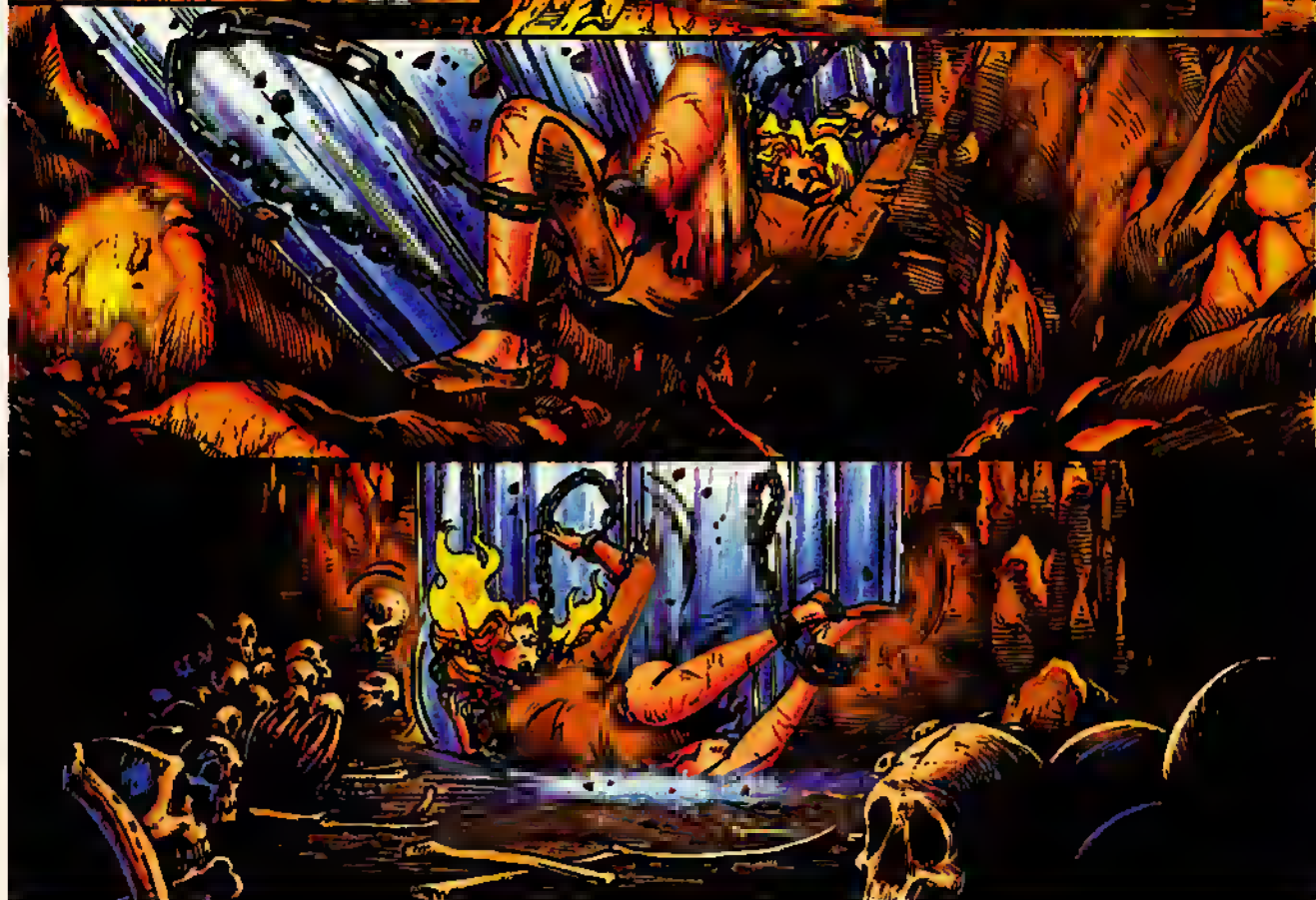
DON'T YOU DARE
CROSS ME! I DIED
BECAUSE OF YOU!

IT'S ALL
UNTRUE! MOTHER,
PLEASE!

LISTEN TO ME,
ALL OF YOU!

I GAVE THIS
UNGRATEFUL CREATURE
LIFE, NOW I TAKE IT!

ANY WHO OPPOSES
ME WILL SUFFER THE
SAME FATE!



I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG
I LAY THERE.

IT MUST HAVE
BEEN EONS.

WHY WAS I
SENTENCED
TO THIS EXISTENCE?
WAS THAT TRULY MY
MOTHER?

I WANTED
TO DIE,
BUT HOW
COULD I?

I WAS
ALREADY
DEAD!

MY MEMORIES
HAUNTED ME,
CLOUDED MY
REASONING.

THEN HE
CAME.

I TAKE IT YOU
KNOW OF ME?

...LUCIFER...

YOUR HATRED
FOR MATTHIAS IS
A POWER HERE.
POWER MATCHES
DESIRE.



MATTHIAS
INTENDS TO
OPPOSE ME. I
CAN GIVE YOU
THE POWER TO
DEFEAT
HIM.

WHAT IS YOUR
ANSWER,
GIRL?



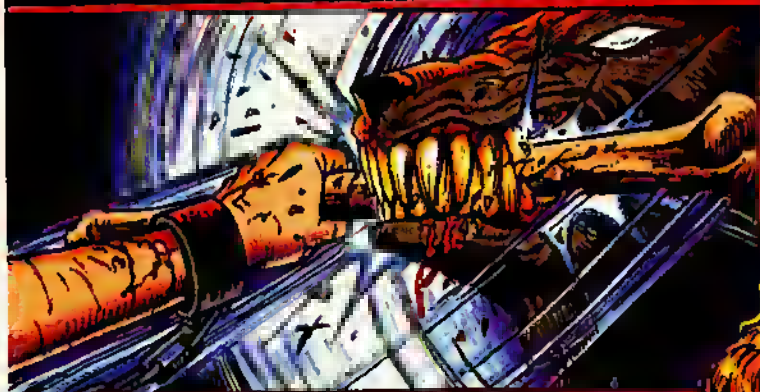
I HAD BEEN A PUPPET
FOR TOO LONG!



SO
BE
IT!









SLLELLLP

MY NEWFOUND PETS AND I
WANDERED THE LANDSCAPE.
ALL WE SAW WAS DESTRUCTION.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN
MATTHIAS'S
DOING.



STRANGELY, I FELT
REFRESHED AND
AT HOME WITH OUR
FIERY SURROUNDINGS.



A NEWFOUND
EMOTION
WAS OVERCOMING
ME...

...VENGEANCE!

I WAS BLIND TO
ALL MY EMOTIONS
EXCEPT THIS ONE.

AS I LOOKED AT THE DEVASTATION
AROUND ME, I WAS APPALLED.
NOT BY THE GENOCIDE, BUT BY MY
COMPLETE LACK OF CONCERN FOR THE
DEAD. I FELT NOTHING FOR THEM.

RRRR!

THEY DIDN'T SURVIVE AND
IT WAS THEIR OWN
DAMN FAULT.

SLAVE OF
MATTHIAS, WHY
DO YOU
REMAIN?

THERE IS NO
ONE LEFT TO
SLAY HERE!

AAA-RRRR!



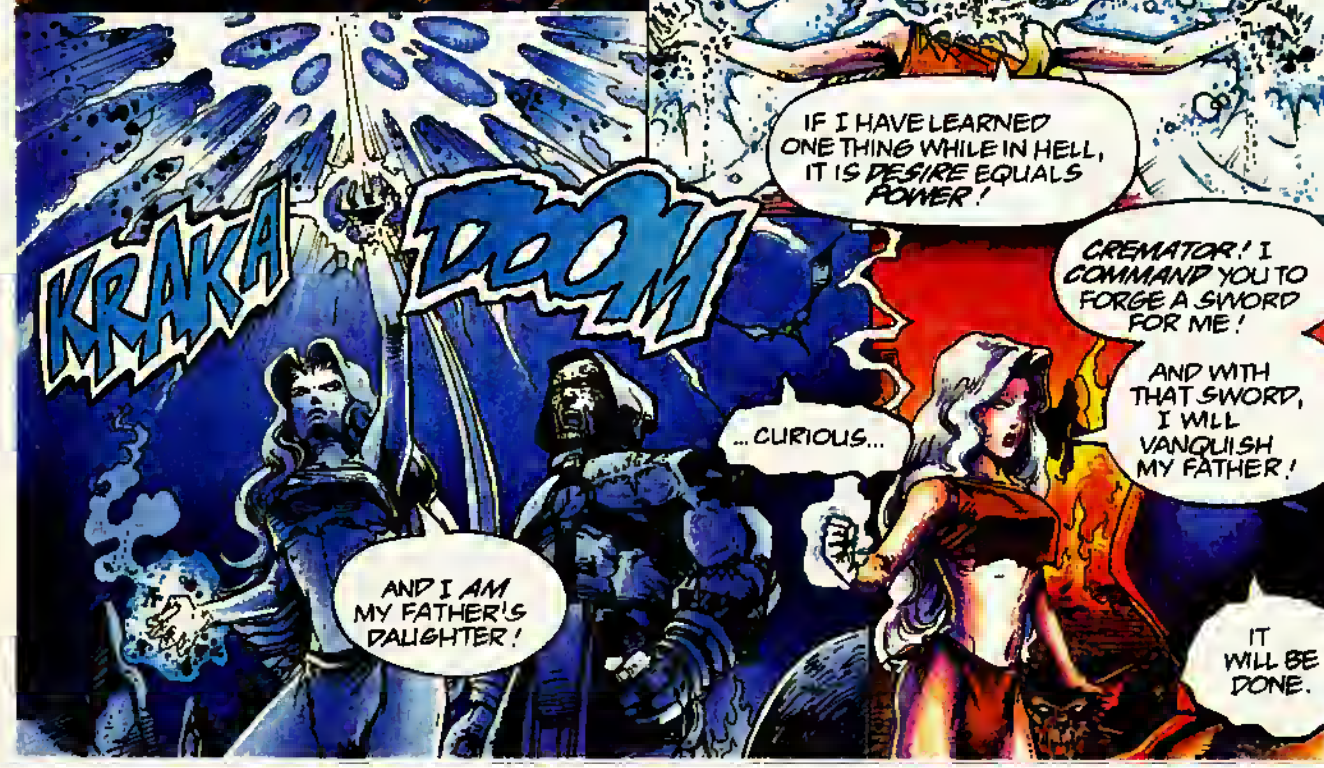
YOU SAY
MATTHIAS
DID THIS?
I INTEND
TO DESTROY
MATTHIAS!

HA HA HA!
MATTHIAS IS NEAR
OMNIPOTENT AND YOU
ARE NOTHING BUT A
WERLESS LITTLE
GIRL.

I AM CREMATOR,
BLACKSMITH TO
THE LORDS OF HELL.
I WIELD CONSIDER-
ABLE POWER. THIS
VILLAGE WAS MY
HOME UNTIL
MATTHIAS'S
ARMY DESTROYED
IT. I LOST EVERY-
THING, YET I
DARE NOT
CROSS HIM!

HOW COULD YOU
POSSIBLY CONCEIVE
OF DESTROYING
HIM?!

MATTHIAS IS
MY FATHER,
COWARD!



KRAKA
DOOM

IF I HAVE LEARNED
ONE THING WHILE IN HELL,
IT IS DESIRE EQUALS
POWER!

CREMATOR! I
COMMAND YOU TO
FORGE A SWORD
FOR ME!

AND WITH
THAT SWORD,
I WILL
VANQUISH
MY FATHER!

...CURIOUS...

AND I AM
MY FATHER'S
DAUGHTER!

IT
WILL BE
DONE.



LUCIFER!

TODAY WE
LEARN WHO
RULES HELL!




YOU'VE
DIVIDED
MY KINGDOM,
MATTHIAS!

IT IS TIME
FOR A NEW
DYNASTY!

IT IS TIME
A NEW REIGN
OF ABSOLUTE
EVIL!

INDEED!
LET THE
GAMBIT
SHOW!



AAAAA!


YOU'VE GROWN
WEAK, LUCIFER!
YOUR POWER...
DIMINISHED!

YOU FORGET,
MATTHIAS, LUCIFER
IS THE PRINCE
OF LIES!

AIEEEE!

CLANG

SPLAT



LUCIFER HAD THIS
MADE FOR HIS LOVER,
PURGATORI, BUT SHE
DISAPPEARED
EONS AGO.

YOU MAY
FIND IT
USEFUL.

WASHPOOM


YOU KNOW IT, YOU FEEL
IT, LUCIFER. YOU WILL
DIE THIS DAY!

IT'S
PERFECT!

NEVER!

IT'S
ABSOLUTELY
PERFECT!





YOUR POWER
IS MINE, LUCIFER!
MINE!

YOUR
CAPE,
MILADY.

YOUR
SWORD,
MILADY.

I AM LORD
OF HELL!

MATTHIAS!
YOUR DAUGHTER
YET LIVES!

ADDRESS
ME AS LORD
MATTHIAS IF
YOU VALUE
YOUR
EXISTENCE!

YES, LORD
MATTHIAS!




NEXT, THE FINALE--
DEATH'S QUEEN
RISING!



Lucky Death


Jensen



I WAS TOLD
YOU SURVIVED,
HOPE.

WE ARE HERE
TO PUT AN END
TO THAT!


FORWARD MY
DEMONS!



DON'T CALL
ME HOPE, FATHER!
HOPE IS GONE.
CALL ME DEATH...
LADY DEATH!

CREMATOR,
ATTACK!


WITH
PLEASURE,
MILADY!



YOU WEREN'T
CONTENT WITH MURDERING
MY MOTHER, WERE YOU?
YOU HAD TO DRAG ME
INTO YOUR MADNESS!

YOU BEAT ME, YOU
TORTURED ME, YOU
STOLE ALL I CHERISHED
AND YOU BELIEVED IT
WOULD BREAK MY
SPIRIT!

YOU FORGET "LORD
MATTHIAS", I AM MY
FATHER'S DAUGHTER,
AND THIS DAY,
YOU DIE!



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AND THIS DAY,
YOU DIE!

SILLY CHILD. THERE
IS MORE GOING ON
HERE THAN MEETS
THE EYE.



SILLY CHILD. THERE
IS MORE GOING ON
HERE THAN MEETS
THE EYE.



VANISHED?

SSSS


MWWGH!

YOU RUN,
MATTHIAS?!

HA HA.
THE GREAT
MATTHIAS,
A COWARD!



LUCIFER'S
DOMAIN...




SILLY CHILD.
WHY SHOULD I
DIRTY MY
HANDS?

YOU TRY TO
DESTROY ME,
DEMON?

I PITY
YOU.

FEEL THE HELLFIRE,
DEMON. FEEL THE
HELLFIRE OF
CREMATOR,
BLACKSMITH TO
THE LORDS OF
HELL!





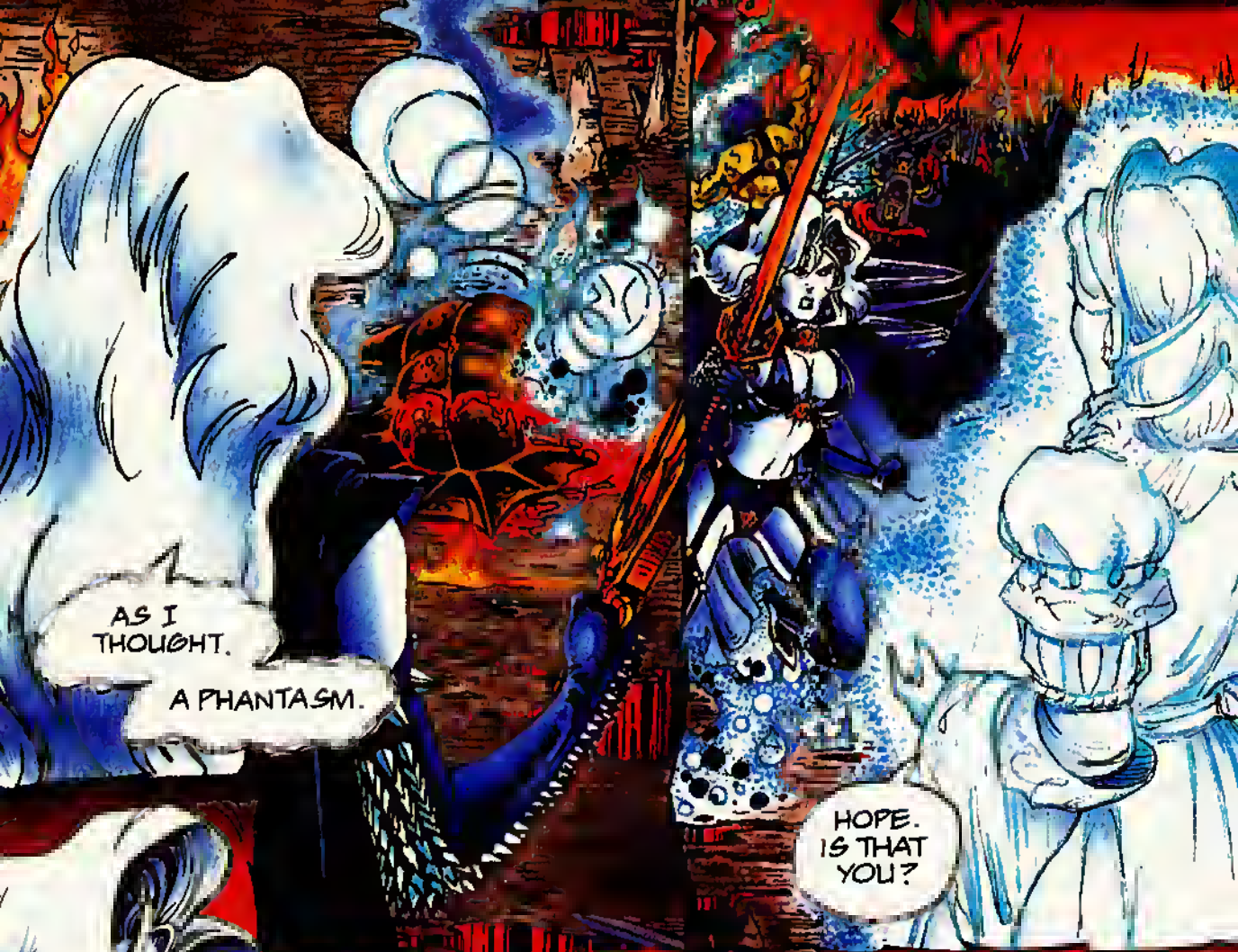
SEND YOUR
ARMIES,
MATTHIAS!

GGGrrrrr!

IT
WON'T
MATTER...

IT WON'T
MATTER BECAUSE
I'M COMING.

PRAY MATTHIAS,
PRAY TO WHATEVER
GOD YOU HOLD DEAR,
FOR NONE OF YOUR
ARMIES WILL PROTECT
YOU FROM ME!



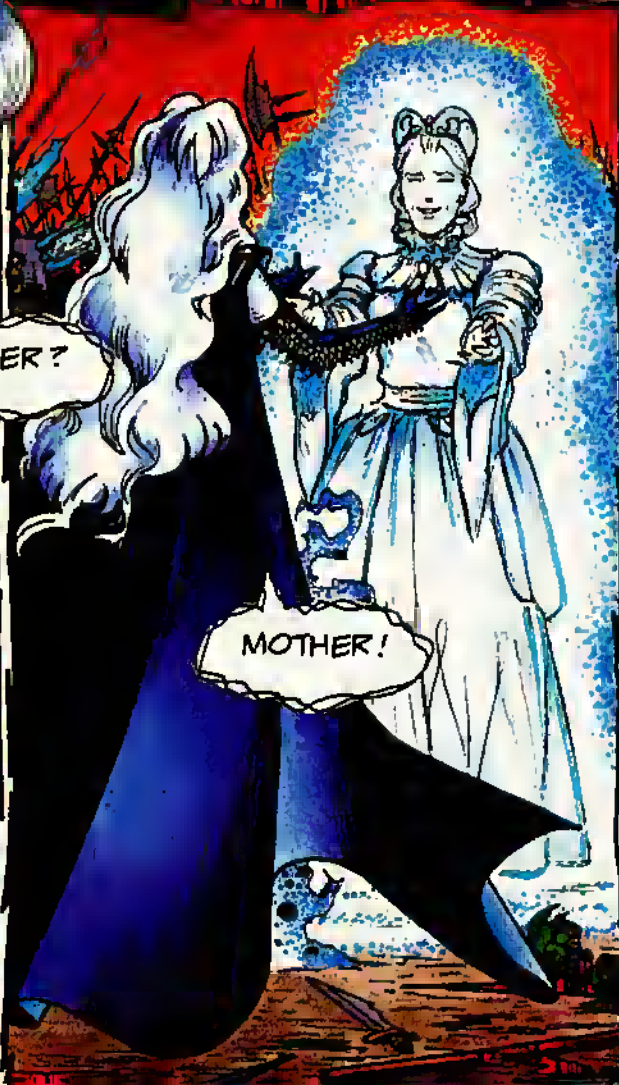
AS I
THOUGHT.

A PHANTASM.

HOPE.
IS THAT
YOU?




MOTHER?



MOTHER!




MILADY
DEATH,
NO!




MOTHER, OH MOTHER,
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS,
I CAN'T BELIEVE I
FOUND YOU.

I KNOW THE
PAIN YOU'VE
ENDURED.

YOU HAVE STILL
FAR TO GO ON YOUR
JOURNEY.



ALL IS
NOT WHAT
IT SEEMS.



HOW DID
YOU COME TO
HELL SO
EFFORTLESSLY?

SILENCE!

HOW DID MATTHIAS
CONQUER THE PRINCES
OF HELL SO EFFORTLESSLY?

SILENCE!

HOPE! WE'RE ALL
PAWNS TO THE TRUEST
OF ALL EVIL!

SILENCE!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN, MOTHER?!

**SHE KNOWS
NOTHING!
NOTHING!**



MOTHER, NO!
MOTHERRRRR!

SHE'S LOST TO
ME AGAIN! YOU'VE
SHOWN ME THE ROAD
I MUST FOLLOW,
MOTHER.

FOLLOW ME,
THERE'S DEATH
TO BE DONE!

HAHAHA

THE
CORRUPTION
OF INNOGENCE
HAS SUCH A
SWEET SMELL.


SHRANKK!
TSCHH
SHRANKK!

WHO
DARES?!



PRINCE OF
LIES, YOU WILL
PAY!

YOU
STOLE MY
LIFE!



STOP HIDING
IN MY FATHER'S
FORM!

YOU'RE
NOT MY
FATHER!

SHOW
YOURSELF!

NO, I AM
NOT YOUR
FATHER.

BUT DON'T
PITY HIM. MATTHIAS'S
ACTIONS WERE HIS
ALONE.

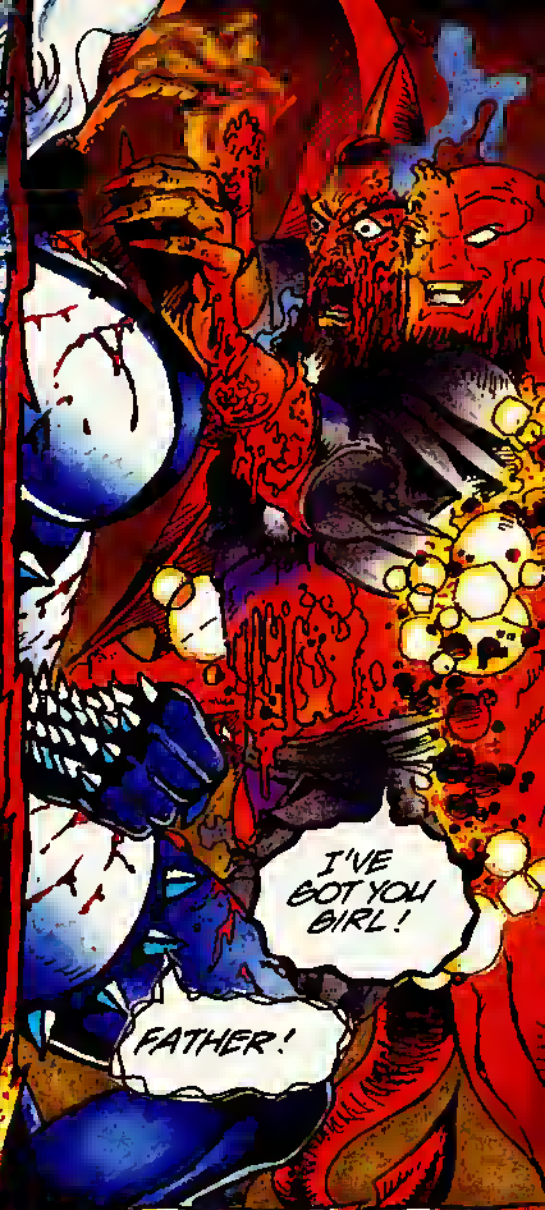
I ONLY ALLOWED
HIM TO PLAY OUT
HIS LITTLE DRAMA
FOR MY OWN
AMUSEMENT.



YOU STOLE
MY LIFE FOR
YOUR
AMUSEMENT?!

SHE DESTROYED
MY MYSTICAL VEIL!
IMPOSSIBLE!

THIS CHARADE
MUST END. BEGONE
MATTHIAS!



I'VE
GOT YOU
GIRL!

FATHER!



I'LL CHOKE
THE LIFE FROM
YOU!

SLICE

NEVER!





MILADYYYYYYYY!

HAHAHA

MY CHALLENGE
WAS TO TAKE AN INNOCENT
SO PURE AND FILLED WITH
LIGHT AND MAKE IT A
CHILD OF DARKNESS.

THE SEEDS OF HATE
CULTIVATED BY YOUR
FATHER PROVIDED THE
PERFECT HARVEST.

WHY,
LUCIFER,
WHY?!

BECAUSE
I COULD.

WELCOME TO
THE FOLD, DARK
CHILD.

I
WANT
MY LIFE
BACK!



NATURALLY, THAT
IS WITHIN MY MEANS.
HOWEVER, IT IS OUT
OF THE QUESTION.

NO!

SLICE

UNGRATEFUL
WHELP!



HOW DARE
YOU STRIKE
ME!

POW!



YOU WILL ENDURE
AGONY FEW HAVE
IMAGINED!

KING

CHING



BEG FOR MY
FORGIVENESS!



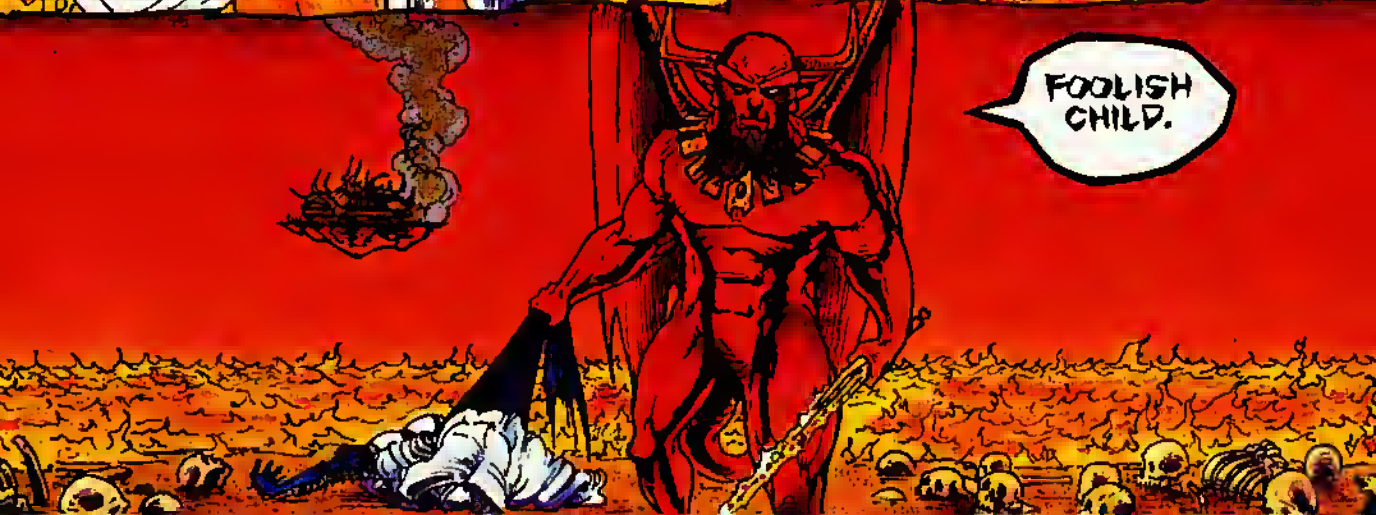
NEVER!




EEERRK!



HA HA HA



FOOLISH
CHILD.



THERE IS NO
STOPPING WHAT
CAN'T BE
STOPPED!



BLINK



YOU MADE A
FATAL MISTAKE,
DECEITFUL
ONE!



YOU TOLD ME
IN HELL DESIRE
EQUALS POWER!

EEE-ARRGGH!



YOU TOLD ME
IN HELL *DESIRE*
EQUALS *POWER*!


EEE-ARRGGH!

YES, YOU MADE
ME LUCIFER, BUT
YOU MADE ME
TOO WELL.

THERE IS NOTHING
I *DESIRE* MORE THAN
THE END TO YOUR
EXISTENCE!

I GIVE YOU THIS
LAST CHANCE, *GIVE*
ME MY LIFE BACK!

NEV-AAAAA!



YES, YOU MADE
ME LUCIFER, BUT
YOU MADE ME
TOO WELL.

THERE IS NOTHING
I *DESIRE* MORE THAN
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EXISTENCE!

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NEV-AAAAA!



I CURSE
YOU!

AS LONG AS THE
LIVING WALK
THE EARTH
...

VERY
WELL.

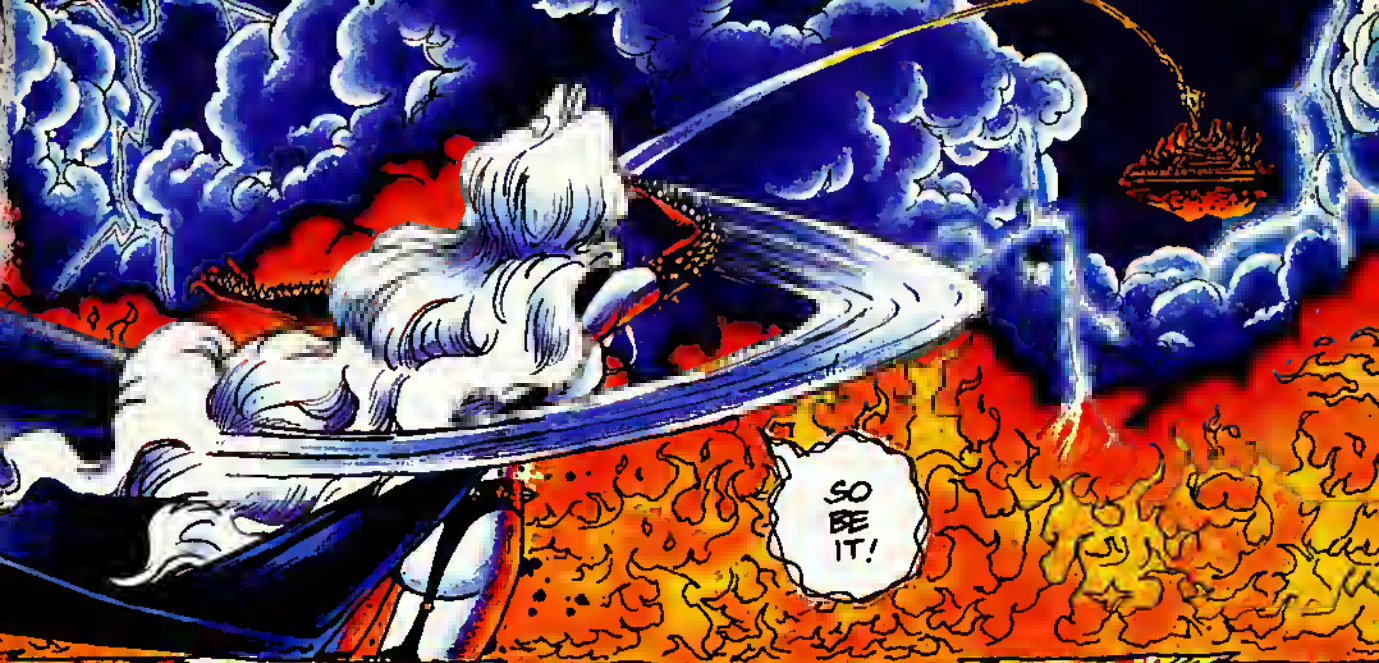
I
DESIRE
YOUR
POWER!



... YOU WILL
NEVER, EVER
RETURN HOME
TO EARTH
"



NEVER
RETURN?



SO
BE
IT!


FSH

CRASH

IF THE
LIVING MUST
DIE SO I MAY
RETURN TO
EARTH...

... THEN
THEY WILL
DIE!





AND I SHALL
HAVE THEIR
GRAVES
WAITING!

SUCH IS THE
DESTINY, SUCH
IS THE CURSE OF
...

... **LADY
DEATH!**

AND SO MY
STORY GOES.

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